# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:412
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
MEDICINE HERBAL PLANT
ANANTRAO GUDHE;RAMESHWAR DUDI

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to adopt an integrated approach towards imparting medical education blending Western and Indian System as well as Yoga to provide comprehensive medical treatment; and

(b) if so, the details of action plan for raising medicines/herbal plants on a large scale to meet domestic demand and cater to the increasing export potential?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 412 FOR 19.12.2001.

(a) There is no proposal to integrate teaching of various systems of Medicine. However, the Medical Council of India (MCI) was requested on 30.11.2000 to consider introducing a module on the basic principles and concepts of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani in the curriculum of MBBS students for their sensitization. Module on Yoga was not suggested to be included in the curriculum of MBBS. The MCI has informed that they have sought the opinion of Directors, Medical Education of States, Deans/Principles of all the medical colleges on 22.11.2001.

(b) The Department has been implementing the following schemes for the availability of medicinal plants:-

- Scheme for Development and cultivation of medicinal plants
- Development of Agro-Techniques and cultivation of Medicinal plants.

The Department has also established a Medicinal Plants Board to coordinate all matters related to medicinal plants, including drawing up policies and strategies for conservation, proper harvesting, cost-effective cultivation, research and development, processing, marketing of raw material in order to protect, sustain and develop this sector. These are in addition to on-going schemes of other Ministries/organizations for increasing availability of medicinal plants.